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|                 |   | Method for a Vehicle at a | ) |   |
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**RESPONSE TO THE FINAL OFFICE ACTION OF MARCH 4, 2009**

Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office action dated March 4, 2009, please consider the following claim amendments and remarks. This response is accompanied with a request for a three month extension of time, a request for continued examination and the required fees.

**The Status of the Claims** is reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.